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# TOURISM AND CULTURE
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether National Council of Science Museum has set up several national level/regional level and district level science centres for promoting science and technology awareness among students and rural masses;

(b) if so, the details of such centres opened in the country till date;

(c) the criteria being followed for opening such centres;

(d) the role likely to be played by State Governments in opening of such centres; and

(e) the capital expenditure sharing ratio between the Centre and State and likely cost for opening of such centres?

## Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) and (b) National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) has set up six national level eight regional level and twelve district/sub-regional level science centres in the country for popularising science and technology among the people in cities, urban and rural areas and to foster a spirit of scientific temper, enquiry and creativity among the students, in particular. The details of these centres are given in Annexure-I

(c) The initiative for development of a science centre in a State comes from the concerned State Government.On the request of the State Government, NCSM prepares a project proposal indicating the project cost and the commitments expected from the State Government. After the necessary commitment are confirmed by the State Government, the proposal is considered by the Government of India keeping in view availability of resources.

(d) and (e) Information is given in Annexure - II